

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses the examiner's restriction requirement which it is submitted as completely without merit. At the very least, claims 1, 18 and 21 are all generic to the identified species and each species is covered by the generic claims. Other than the broad species encompassed by FIG. 1, none of the other species are individually claimed and none are asserted to have functionality apart from the generic invention which is the subject matter of claim 1 and FIG. 1.

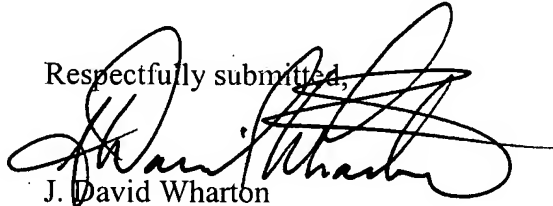
Species B and E which the examiner has identified are both covered by dependent claim 11 which derives its dependency from generic claim 1. Species C along with related species shown in FIGS. 14 – 17 are covered by dependent claim 13 which again derives its dependency from independent claim 1. Species D which the examiner has identified is the subject matter of dependent claim 2 which also derives its dependency from claim 1.

Thus, there are clearly one or more generic claims which read upon all of the species and none of the species identified by the examiner are the subject matter of independent claims, with the exception of the broad Species A as discussed above.

Please note the name and address of the undersigned attorney and firm which have assumed prosecution of this application. A change of address is being filed simultaneously with this response and a substitute Power of Attorney will be submitted shortly.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed to be clear that of the claims in this application are entitled to prosecution and an action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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